



IDAHO BIRDING TRAIL

East Central Region

Salmon • Stanley • Challis

20 Cape Horn Lakes

(208) 838-3300

LAT/LONG: 44.408402, -115.134222

DIRECTIONS: *From Stanley, ID 21 W 18.5 mi; turn R (N) onto FR 203 (Marsh Creek Rd); take fork to the R; go 0.4 mi and turn L (N) on FR 008 for 1.7 mi; R (S) on FR 158 1 mi to FR 003; L (NE) on FR 003 1.2 mi to the lakes.*

Cape Horn Lakes are unique in providing nesting snags for waterfowl. The lakes also provide shallow, open water habitat for other nesting and migrating aquatic birds, an uncommon environment in relation to the expanse of conifer forest across central Idaho. Waterfowl, such as Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck, and Canada Goose, nest in vegetation near water's edge. Look and listen for Sandhill Crane and Wilson's Snipe in meadow habitats around the lakes. Red-necked Grebe are seen on occasion during migration. The lodgepole pine forest habitat surrounding the chain of lakes harbors Spruce and Dusky Grouse, several woodpecker species, Hermit Thrush, and Western Tanager.

